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Heroin and Opioid Crime Reduction State Initiative October 26, 2015-Bidders Webinar Questions and Answers

Can a proposal include treatment for other drugs besides heroin and opioids?

Yes as long as a majority of the individuals being treated have opioid or heroin abuse issues.

Can staff attend a national conference with these funds?

Out of state travel is strictly scrutinized. It is usually only approved if the organization is proposing to implement a program or activity that requires one to be trained and such training is only offered in another state. Out of state travel for enrichment purposes only is generally not allowable.

Can we pay for out of state travel for a conference speaker?

Yes if the speaker is directly correlated/necessary for the program or activity to be implemented. Again, out of state travel is strictly scrutinized and must be a necessity in order to implement a program or activity.

Is overtime an allowable expense?

Yes but only for sworn uniform law enforcement personnel. Civilian employees are not allowed to charge against the federal grant for overtime costs.

Will we fund prevention activities that do not have an inherent law enforcement nexus? How will they be judged?

All activities being charged against the grant should have a law enforcement nexus. Most often prevention programs would aim to keep a community safe and community safety would have a law enforcement nexus.

Are letters of support required for collaborative partners that are not sub-contracted out for funding?

No but if you wish to include letters of support from collaborative partners, you may attach them to the proposal marked as “Attachment C.”

Is there a difference between a MOU and letter of support?

For the purposes of this grant opportunity, a MOU or letter of support can be marked as “Attachment C” and attached to the proposal being submitted.

Does a Sheriff need to sign the application or can a Superintendent sign off on a proposal being submitted?

EOPSS asks that when possible the agency head (Sheriff, DA, Executive Director, etc.) sign the proposal being submitted however if that individual is not available, the next high ranking official representing the agency may sign in their absence.

Can more than one purpose area be included in a grant application?

Yes

Does the authorized signatory listing form need to be completed if the Sheriff is signing the proposal?

Yes we need that form completed for anyone who will be signing off on the proposal being submitted as well as for other documents related to this grant if awarded.

Since this 12 month award crosses fiscal years, will we need to submit a budget that reflects two different fiscal years or will that be separated during the ISA if awarded?

You do not need to submit a budget that reflects two different fiscal years. If awarded, the ISA will reflect the amount of funds needed/separated between the two state fiscal years.

Will an additional AGF be available once this one year award ends (renewable grant)?

At this time, this is a one year grant award so please plan accordingly.

If the lead agency is sub-contracting funds to a nonprofit, does the lead agency need to follow the procurement process?

Yes a lead agency must follow their procurement rules and regulations.

Can you speak a little more about the use of the Crime Solutions website?

The links provided in the AGF are only there to provide some additional assistance but are not the only sites allowable to learn more about or find evidence based programs and activities. Please feel free to utilize any other reputable sites that will assist you in understanding or selecting evidence based types of strategies, programs or activities.

How do you include a signature on the fillable PDF?

You do not include a signature on the PDF being sent back electronically. Only the hard copy of the proposal being submitted must have an original signature included.

If we had a contract that was suspended due to a lack of funds, can we apply for JAG funding to restore that contract? Provided that the program meets the grant priorities.

Without knowing the specifics, it is hard to answer that question. You would need to make certain that you are not supplanting which is prohibited under JAG federal rules. Generally speaking, if the suspended program meets the JAG criteria as outlined in the AGF, then possibly “yes.”